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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SELANGOR STATE CHIEF MINISTER

FOR EA/TIMBS

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1. REFTEL GIVES ITINERARY AND MEMBERS OF PARTY OF THE
SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 11 TRIP TO THE U.S. BY THE CHIEF
MINISTER OF THE STATE OF SELANGOR, DATUK HORMAT RAFEI.

MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO INVESTIGATE HOUSING PROJECTS,
LIGHT INDUSTRIES AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES. SINCE THE
BASIC THRUST OF THE VISIT IS COMMERCIAL IN NATURE, WE HAVE
ASKED THAT COMMERCE TAKE THE LEAD IN WORKING UP A DETAILED
PROGRAM UNDER THE FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS MISSION BE BROADLY
UNDERSTOOD. SELANGOR IS ONE THE MOST IMPORTANT STATES IN
MALAYSIA IN BOTH A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SENSE. STATE HAS
CONSIDERABLE REVENUES AND SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL SALES COULD
RESULT FROM THIS VISIT. IN ADDITION, DATUK HORMAT HAS TAKEN
THE LEAD IN ATTEMPTING TO FORCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
ALLOW STATE GOVERNMENTS TO PLAY A RADICALLY EXPANDED ROLE
IN THE OWNERSHIP OF TIN COMPANIES. IT IS THIS POLICY WHICH
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HAS THROWN THE MALAYSIAN TIN INDUSTRY INTO A TURMOIL AND IS
IMPEDING EXPANSION OF THE INDUSTRY.

2. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, DATUK HORMAT IS AN IMPORTANT
FIGURE IN BOTH THE POLITICAL AND TIN POLICY AREAS AND WE WOULD
HOPE THAT HE COULD RECEIVE SOME SPECIAL HANDLING. WE
RECOMMEND THAT STATE COORDINATE WITH COMMERCE AND USICA

TO ENSURE THAT NONE OF OUR INTERESTS ARE OVERLOOKED
DURING THIS VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO
THE TYPE OF PROGRAM IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE AND THE
NAME OF THE CONTACT OFFICER.
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